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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - SEABOARD WINTER SCHEDULE

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON CIVILAVIA (LIOI, AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES), ALITALIA (LECCESE, INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AND MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA--FIACCADORI, CIVAIR AFFAIRS) ON NOVEMBER 7 TO DISCUSS SEABOARD WINTER SCHEDULE.
2. LIOI INDICATED CIVILAVIA WILL AUTHORIZE SEABOARD TO OPERATE WINTER SCHEDULE AS FILED (WITH CHANGE-OF-GAUGE IN FRANKFURT) ON PROVISIONAL BASIS, PENDING USG-GOI CONSULTATIONS. LIOI'S SUPERIOR, SITAJOLO, SAYS THAT PROVISIONAL APPROVAL MUST BE CLEARED WITH MINISTER TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION MARTINELLI, WHO IS "UNAVAILABLE" AND WILL DEPART ROME NOVEMBER 8 FOR US. CONSEQUENTLY, CIVILAVIA UNABLE PROVIDE DATE WHEN SEABOARD WINTER SCHEDULE MAY BE PUT INTO EFFECT ON PROVISIONAL BASIS.
3. LECCESE SAID ALITALIA SEES NO RPT NO REASON WHY SEABOARD WINTER SCHEDULE COULD NOT BE PUT INTO EFFECT ON PROVISIONAL BASIS PENDING CONSULTATIONS.

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4. EMBOFF THEN CONTACTED FIACCADORI AT MFA, INFORMED HIM OF

ALITALIA-CIVILAVIA VIEWS, AND REQUESTED MFA ASSISTANCE IN SECURING FORMAL AUTHORIZATION FROM CIVILAVIA FOR SEABOARD WINTER SCHEDULE TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON PROVISIONAL BASIS. FIAC-CODORI SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD.

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH MARTINELLI'S CHIEF OF CABINET, COLLINI, OR MARTINELLI ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10. MARTINELLI AND COLLINI HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY TRANSPORTATION COLEMAN MONDAY MORNING; THEY ARRIVE WASHINGTON 1440 NOVEMBER 8 ON TW 891.

6. MFA HAS ASKED WHEN US REPS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON SEABOARD WINTER SCHEDULE. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. COMMENT. FOR FIRST TIME IT APPEARS THERE IS CHANCE FOR SEABOARD'S CHANGE-OF-GAUGE SCHEDULE TO BE APPROVED, EVEN IF ONLY ON PROVISIONAL BASIS, NOW THAT CIVILAVIA HAS CLEARED IT WITH ALITALIA. HOWEVER, GOI WILL FIGHT HARD DURING CONSULTATIONS TO KEEP SCHEDULE FROM BEING APPROVED ON PERMANENT BASIS. CALINGAERT

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